

PROBABLE EFFECT OF PANAMA CANAL

That Is Burden of Discussion at Rivers and Harbors Congress.

RICHMONDERS ARE THERE

Every Member of Local Delegation Boosting for Better Waterways.

Washington, D. C., December 6.—The early completion of the Panama Canal and its probable effect on transportation in the United States featured the address of nearly every speaker at the eighth annual session of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here to-day.

Secretary of War Stimson welcomed the delegates and spoke on the relation of the canal to foreign trade. In the afternoon President Taft received the members of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association, who are delegates to the congress.

All Sections Represented.

Every section of the country was represented in the thousand delegates in attendance, and every section had an advocate among the speakers who pleaded for unity in the effort to improve upon Congress the need for navigable waterways.

Representative Sparkman, of Florida, said that by 1925 the government will have expended more than \$1,000,000,000 for waterways improvement. He declared that the unsystematic granting of water power sites had done much to curtail the work of channel improvements in rivers.

Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, urged the widening and deepening of all canals along the Atlantic coast, and Joseph N. Toul, of Portland, Ore., spoke on the probable effect of the Panama Canal on the lumber trade of the country.

Other speakers were Dr. David Kinley, director of the University of Illinois; John A. Fox, special director of the congress; Edgar C. Ellis, Kansas City; M. W. Peabody, Detroit; C. S. E. Holland, Victoria, Tex.; W. K. Kavanaugh, St. Louis, president of the Lake-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways Association; and Edward S. Savage, of New York. Speakers on the program for to-morrow include Secretary of the Interior Fisher, Senators Jones, of Washington, and Fletcher, of Florida; General Bixby, chief army engineer; Judge E. F. Bland, of Kansas City; and Mayor Gaynor and August Belmont, of New York.

Richmond's delegates to the congress were in their seats when President Ransdell rapped the meeting to order this morning.

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W. Rogers, chairman; John B. Bliley, Claude L. Batkins, C. C. Jones, John R. Grimes, W. A. Crenshaw, George Bryan, John C. Freeman, W. T. Dabney and E. S. Goodman, and from the South Richmond Business Men's Association D. L. Toney and Clarence Vaden.

They came to Washington full of enthusiasm for the good work, which they believe the development of the rivers and harbors of the country will do for Richmond and the South.

Talks with various members of the delegation to-day showed that with one accord every member is a "boost-er," and that he has come to Washington to attend the congress because he believes his city will be benefited.

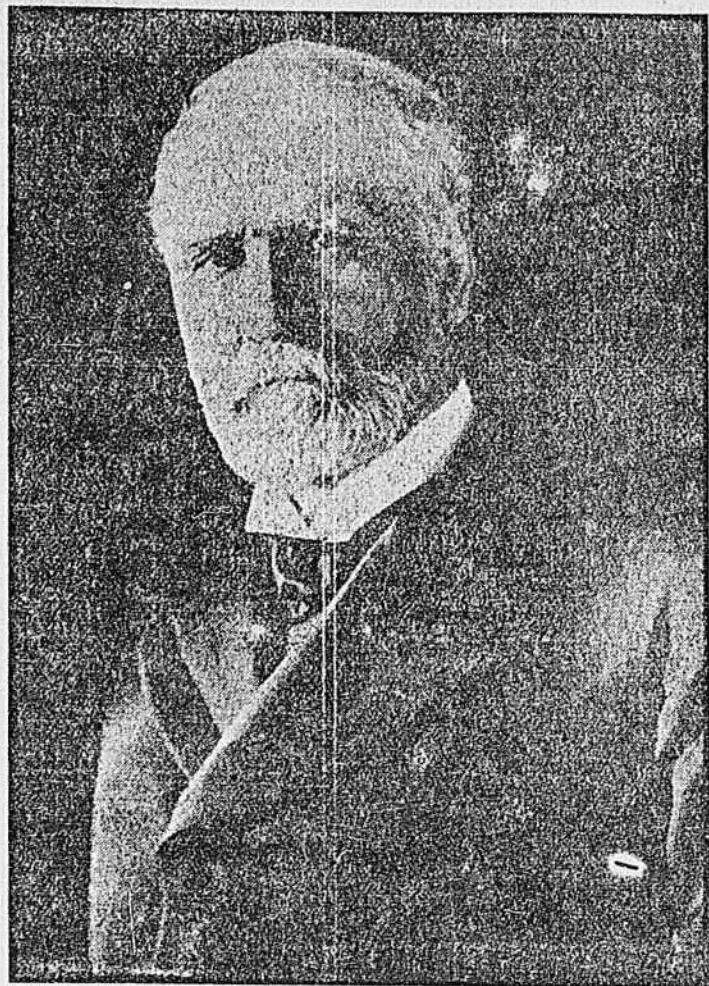
IN POLICE COURT

Three Out of Five Alleged Highwaymen, Dismissed, Placed Under Surety.

Edward Smith, James Stevens, Roosevelt Jackson, James Burrell and Charles Fugate, all colored, charged with holding up and robbing Pines Grazeck on the night of November 12, against whom the December grand jury found not a true bill, were called in Police Court yesterday morning on the same charge. Commonwealth's Attorney Polke stated that no indictment had been returned against the negroes. But Justice Crutchfield declined to take any action, and Stevens, Jackson and Burrell were each placed under \$500 surety for twelve months. They went to jail by default. The others were dismissed.

J. F. Browning, charged with assaulting Jesse J. Mitchell with a knife, was fined

HIGH COST PUZZLES HIM



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE JAMES WILSON.

SECRETARY WILSON PROPOUNDS PROBLEM

If Consumer Pays Dollar for Food and Farmer Gets Fifty Cents, What Becomes of Rest?

Washington, December 6.—"The consumer pays \$1 for food; the farmer gets less than 50 cents of it. Who gets the rest?"

That is a question which Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, asked to-day in his annual report. The secretary does not attempt to answer it. He does explain in some detail the results of an investigation his department has just concluded into the effect of cold storage on the wholesomeness and cost of food. His investigation leads him to recommend

publicity for the amount of food in cold storage, just as the department now gives publicity to the condition of crops from month to month.

Instead of food remaining in storage for longer than a year or two years, as a rule, the secretary declares that his investigation showed that "receipts into cold storage are entirely or very nearly exhausted by the deliveries out of cold storage within ten months."

With the exception, the secretary asserts, the warehousemen explained to the department that excessively long storage was due to lawsuits and other circumstances of an uncommercial nature. The cost of storage, including storage charge, interest and insurance, is considered a carrier to very long storage.

Raises Cost of Living. Cold storage, the secretary reports, has raised the cost of living by increasing the annual price level for butter and eggs.

The secretary says that an examination of the record of prices gives "suspicion" that there has been much speculation in some years by the men who keep commodities in cold storage.

He refers to "an apparent mistake" of the storage men in overestimating the consumption of eggs by the public at exorbitant prices last winter, with the result that in the spring the storage men had to sell eggs at remarkably low prices and send abroad the largest amount of eggs ever exported in order to get rid of the supply. The secretary declares that he warehousemen ought to be required to send to Washington each month the amount of commodities placed in storage, so that the public may be able to judge of the future trend of prices.

A great variety of subjects are dealt with by the secretary in his report. He says that the day is not far distant when the United States will cease to import potatoes, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Idaho are mentioned as depositors.

Recommendation is made that all government agencies that conserve health should be grouped together in one bureau.

The success of the department in the Southern States through objections in the fields, is pronounced to have been such as to justify the extension of the work to all States.

The department announced that the corn crop is moving northward by seed selection.

The American systems of renting land are declared to be faulty and result in soil robbing. It is suggested that domestic animals be kept on farms, even if the land is new and full of plant food. But where the crops are sold year by year, irrigation of itself will not of itself assure good results.

After years of experimentation, the department says that Egyptian cotton can be grown in Southern California, and bulbs in the State of Washington.

The crayfish is pronounced to be a serious pest in the South. Carbon bisulphide is said to be a sure remedy. The finest dates from the Sahara Desert succeed in the Southwestern States.

Poultry products for the past year are estimated to have been worth \$750,000,000.

The foresters of the Forestry Bureau are learning by experience how to reforest 30,000 acres in a year. The secretary says that ten times this much must be planted annually to cover all the bare acres in a generation.

"We are sending explorers to the ends of the earth for new plants—and getting them," says Secretary Wilson. The secretary warns the irrigation farmers that they must conserve their soil; that irrigation will bring maximum crops, while the land is new and full of plant food. But where the crops are sold year by year, irrigation of itself will not of itself assure good results.

BARNES IN SADDLE. Likely to Count as Manager in Empire State.

Washington, D. C., December 6.—New York Republicans who have been to the White House in the last few

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days say that William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, will probably conduct the Republican campaign in that State next year, and be continued as State chairman. A few weeks ago this view did not prevail and President Taft was told by some of his visitors that certain things likely to happen would make Mr. Barnes unavailable. As these things did not happen the view now is that Mr. Barnes will become the permanent State chairman.

Lloyd Griscom, former chairman of the Republican Committee of New York, was at the White House to-day for a brief visit. "I know of no movement to remove Barnes from the chairmanship of the State Committee," said Mr. Griscom, "and I think it is certain that he will be retained." Mr. Griscom went on to say that New York Republicans were for Taft, and would give the nominating delegation and the electoral votes to him.

Friends of ex-President Roosevelt are taking him at his word that he is not to be considered in connection with the nomination next year," went on Mr. Griscom, "and are giving their cordial support to Mr. Taft."

"Sam" Koenig, who succeeded Mr.

Griscom as chairman of New York county, and who was a guest of President Taft at luncheon a few days ago, did not see any reason why Barnes should be removed as State chairman. He was disposed to be friendly to Barnes.

The situation, as disclosed by both Koenig and Griscom, appears to indicate a harmony movement for the retention of Barnes without a fight. Griscom, who last year led the Roosevelt forces in New York county and fought Barnes bitterly, represents the element in New York that would be hostile to Barnes if he is to have opposition.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF IS MEAGRE

Convention Stirred When It Hears How Little Is Being Done.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was stirred this afternoon by the report of the Aged Ministers' Relief Board, which showed that nearly three-fifths of the churches of the conference give absolutely nothing to the fund of \$4,000 for the support of retired ministers dependent upon the convention for support, that more than one-fourth of the associations give nothing, a number of others give almost nothing, and that four of the associations give nothing at all. The beneficiaries on the board, the report and those who spoke to the same urgent greater liberality in this connection.

Rev. P. M. Jordan, one of the oldest members of the convention, who organized the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem in 1871, spoke to the convention of his work in that connection and of the growth of the denomination, which now has six churches in this city.

The morning session was occupied with the consideration of missions and Sunday schools. The report of the Board of Missions showed that during the year just closed the Baptists of North Carolina have given to State missions \$18,531; to foreign missions, \$39,631; to home missions, \$23,073; to education, \$6,710; to Sunday school missions, \$2,909; to ministerial relief, \$4,201, and the women who constitute the Women's Missionary Board have given a total of \$32,003 to State, foreign and home missions.

The interest of home missions was represented by Rev. A. E. Brown and Rev. V. L. Masters. Mr. Brown said that 175 counties of the South are in the mountains; that of 841,000 people in the South, 65,000 are Baptists, and that Baptists outnumber all other denominations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and the mountain sections of Kentucky.

Rev. J. M. Frost and Rev. B. W. Spillman spoke in the interest of the Sunday school after the report of the Sunday School Board was read. This report showed that the Sunday school enrollment in North Carolina is equal to 96 per cent. of the church membership, while in the Southern Baptist Convention the percentage is only 67.

The evening session was devoted to the interest of Meredith College for women, and addresses were delivered by several members of the convention.

The evening session of the convention devoted to the consideration of the endowment of Meredith College and \$10,822.50 of the \$15,000 requested was contributed in pledges and cash. The sister daughter of the house, and James-McClintock Davidson, of Lexington, the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church, the bride with her

father, Little Miss May Davidson, niece of the groom, acted as flower girl. Miss Beattie Hoge, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The best man was Dr. Thomas McClintock, of the Geological Survey, of Washington, D. C., cousin of the groom.

Circuit Court of Appeals. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock with Circuit Judge Pritchard and District Judges McDowell and Connor in attendance.

Henry H. Osborne, of Spartanburg, S. C., was admitted to practice in this court. The following case was argued: No. 1049—Crescent Manufacturing Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Patterson Manufacturing Company, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Columbia, S. C. Cause argued by Henry H. Osborne, of Spartanburg, S. C., for the plaintiff in error, and by Charles W. Tillet, of Charlotte, N. C., for the defendant in error, and submitted.

Court adjourned until this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Case in call to-day: No. 1049—Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, plaintiff in error, vs. W. Y. Connor, defendant in error; in error to the Circuit Court at Columbia, S. C. To be argued by Warren Moore, Harris & McKay, of Columbia, S. C., and L. W. McLemore, of Florence, S. C., for the plaintiff in error, and by W. C. Lumb, S. C., for the defendant in error.

Wholesale Business Sold. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Bristol, Va., December 6.—J. C. Duff, J. Spears Webster and other stockholders of the Virginia-Tennessee Hardware Company, to-day sold the entire holdings of the company to J. James T. Cecil and other local capitalists. The amount involved in the deal is about \$200,000. The company does an exclusively wholesale business.

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